

Mr. and Mrs. McFalls returned to Vulcan, where he is stationed, after having spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson.

Mr. D. L. Butts returned to Hanna after having spent the Christmas season with his family.

Mrs. P. Peterson left this week for Calgary where she will spend a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lee spent the Christmas holidays with their relatives here, returning Tuesday to Vulcan, where Jack is stationed.

Mr. Ervie Blagen left for Calgary on Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Younggren.

Sgt. Plt. Chas. Ford and sister Queenie Ford spent the New Year's vacation at their home here.

Miss M. Hittle who is teaching at Carsairs, and Dorns spent the Christmas vacation with their parents.

Miss Cathleen Proudfoot who is teaching in Calgary, and her brother Robt. of Edmonton University, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mrs. F. Younggren and sons went to Calgary to attend the funeral of Leonard S. Younggren.

Miss Gira who has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. K. Gullekson, returned to her home in Lethbridge.

Miss Jessie Schmidt who is teaching school, spent the Xmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Violet Greenwood is a Calgary visitor this week.

Mrs. Nicholson spent Christmas with her daughter-in-law Mrs. A. S. Nicholson at Oyen.

Donald Morrison who is attending Alberta College at Edmonton, spent the Christmas vacation with his parents Station Agent and Mrs. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gingles and son, Lloyd spent Christmas at Alsask with the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mitchell and small son of Scotfield, spent Xmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whelan and they all spent New Year's at the Jack Rosenau home.

Miss Edith Marr who has been in Vancouver for the past three years, returned to spend Christmas with her parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Bjork and daughter, of Allee, returned from Peace River and Edmonton, where they visited for the past month with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Callaghan of Vulcan spent New Year's day with their relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robinson and Lorne spent New Year's vacation with relatives at Bowden, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Cook and family of Hanna spent the Xmas holidays with their relatives here.

The two teachers, Mrs. Sutherland and Miss Smpson who went to their homes, returned Wednesday morning.

Private Happy Milligan and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Anderson left Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson went to Turner Valley where they spent their Christmas vacation.

Private Joe Damsgard spent the New Year at the home of his father.

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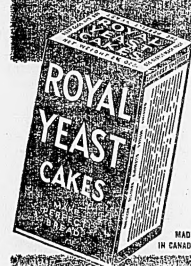
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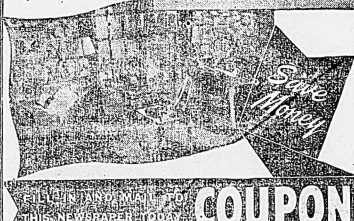
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New Air Routes

THE NEED OF THE ALLIED NATIONS for air routes for the transport of men and materials have led to the opening up of many new air bases and to the development of much land which had formerly been wilderness. On this continent, territory in Labrador and in the North-West, which was in the past populated very sparsely or not at all, has been built up with modern air bases, and has become as familiar to airmen and their passengers as air ports in the populated areas. Canadians have great interest in the development of new air routes with bases in this country, both because of their importance in the Allied war strategy, and because of what they may mean to Canada in times of peace. Recent conferences on post-war aviation have given indication that Canada will continue to occupy the important position she now holds in relation to air transport.

Air Route To Middle East

While the opening up of new territory on this continent for air bases has attracted considerable interest, it is doubtful whether it is generally known that there has been similar development in Africa. A chain of great bases has been built to serve the air route to the Middle East. This route, which became most important when Italy entered the war in 1940, has contributed a great deal to the progress of the West African Colonies. In addition to the building of bases, many new roads have been constructed and thousands of native Africans have been trained as radio and telephone operators, mechanics and drivers. It is estimated that under ordinary conditions, it would have taken several generations to build up a similar body of skilled workmen. In establishing this great chain of air fields, which have played such a vital part in supplying Allied forces in the Middle East, Britain also brought many advantages to that section of the Empire.

Many Benefits To Colonies

In an article on this subject published recently by the British Ministry of Information, it was stated that the bases for this air route were commenced by British engineers twenty years ago. They were built in jungles and on equatorial swamps, and enormous difficulties were encountered in constructing landing fields and runways. However, they proved of great value in the planning of Mediterranean strategy. Takoradi, on the Gold Coast, was developed into an assembly depot and in one three-month period, 1,500 R.A.F. planes were sent from there to the Middle East. The effects of the building up of this air route on the progress of the country are summed up by a British writer as follows: "Thus the British and Colonial Governments, under the stimulus of British enterprise, have in the course of winning the war conferred enormous benefits on the colonial peoples, which will profoundly influence the whole development of the African continent."

Self-Serve Hotel

Idea Of Proprietors In Illinois Has Proved A Success

Taking a tip from self-service markets the Odorizzi brothers of St. Louis, Mo., converted their 15-room hotel into a "help yourself" inn a year ago.

The wartime pinch, which sent service standards of most hotels hurtling earthward and closed the doors of others, merely prodded the ingenuity of Louis and Victor Odorizzi. When their desk clerk got his "greetings" from Uncle Sam there was no gnashing of teeth nor haunting of local employment agency. Equipping the desk in the lobby with a supply of envelopes, an open register and keys to 15 rooms, the Odorizzi decided to let John Q. Public look out for himself. A sign tacked above the door instructs the guest to register, choose a key, deposit his money in one of the envelopes along with his name, address and room number and climb upstairs to pillow dreams, dragging his luggage behind him.

As well as curing the employment headache, managing a co-op hotel has given the Odorizzi a new confidence in their fellow man. Asked whether the "honor system" of collecting room rent didn't prove an expensive proposition, Victor came back with an emphatic "No!" "Not one penny have we lost since we hit on this idea a year ago," he said. "The hotel is filled every night mostly with transient trade, and every morning the money is waiting on the desk when we come to collect. . . . What's more, our customers don't walk off with linen, towels, ash trays and everything else that isn't nailed down."

Hog Production

Alberta Is Far In The Lead For 1944

Figures of hog production in Canada for the first nine months of 1944 show that Alberta is still far in the lead. Up to the end of September, Alberta had contributed 2,261,000 to the flow of hogs into commercial channels, equivalent to feed Allied armies overseas. Ontario stood second with 1,553,000, Saskatchewan third with 1,484,000, and Manitoba fourth with 638,000.

Alberta's marketings increased 640,000 this year over last, or about 40 per cent, but there are signs that production is now falling off—Lethbridge Herald.

Some 35,700,000 miles separate the sun from Mercury, its nearest neighbor.

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q.—The other day I noticed a sign placed in the restaurant where I was eating which advised the customers that they were only entitled to one cup of coffee or tea per meal. I was under the impression that more than one could now be served.

A.—Some restaurants are still displaying signs stating that government regulations require them to give only one serving of tea or coffee per meal. These signs should be removed. Restaurants may limit servings of tea and coffee if they wish but must do so on their own authority. There is no longer any such government regulation. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board regulations state, however, that sugar for tea or coffee is to be served in restaurants only with the first cup.

Q.—Is it necessary to have an essentially certificate in order to purchase a new hot air furnace?

A.—Essentially certificates are no longer required to purchase new hot air furnaces. Use of such certificates has saved sufficient furnaces to meet essential requirements. Supplies will be permitted to move in the normal way.

Q.—Is there going to be another cut in the butter ration?

A.—The butter ration is being reduced from seven ounces to approximately six ounces per person a week at the first of the year by making butter coupons valid one at a time instead of in pairs and by having three of these coupons becoming good each month. The butter ration coupons will remain valid until depleted valid like sugar and preserves coupons.

Q.—When applying for coupons for evaporated milk, is it necessary to have your ration book with you?

A.—Yes, definitely, you must present your No. 5 ration book when applying for canned milk.

Please send your questions or your request for the pamphlet "Consumer's News" or the Blue Book in which you keep track of your ceiling prices mentioning the name of this paper to the nearest Wartime Prices and Trade Board office in your province.

Had To Be Last

Bomb Finally Finished Kicking Career Of French Army Mule

The services of animals in war time are so often taken for granted that it is consoling to learn that at least one memorial has been erected in France to a mule. The inscription reads: "In memory of Maggie, who in her time kicked two colonels, four majors, ten captains, twenty-four lieutenants, forty-two sergeants, four hundred and thirty-two other ranks, and—one Mills bomb." Her long life was probably due to the order in which she did her army kicking.—Manchester Guardian.

CAUSES FOR WEARINESS

The New York Times says: The British were fighting Hitler, part of the time almost alone, for two years before the Japanese bombed us into the war. If we are tired of protests, lackouts, food restrictions, casualty lists and high taxes, what of them? The British people have stood up magnificently against every weapon Hitler could throw against them.

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Widow Receives V.C.



Mrs. David Hornell, Toronto, Ont., who received this Victoria Cross in Ottawa, for her husband the late Flt.-Lieut. David Hornell. The posthumous award was made for valor in attacking a U-boat. It was the first V.C. to be presented at an investiture in Canada.

For War Brides

Booklet Containing Information Distributed In Britain

"How do Canadian women dress in winter?", wonders the pretty English wife of a Canadian signalman. "How much luggage can I take to Canada with me?", asks the Scottish bride of an R.C.A.F. navigator. "What kind of a house will I live in?", "Can I get a job?", "Can I take any money with me?", these are the hundred and one questions that race through the thoughts of the thousands of British women coming to Canada with their husbands or to join their husbands' people.

The Department of National Defence and the Wartime Information Board have co-operated in a booklet in which these questions and many more are answered. Details of travel, customs, and immigration regulations, luggage, money are dealt with. The constitution of Canada is explained, the provinces discussed, distances between cities mentioned. Details of weather, Canada's war effort, shopping, schools, churches, sports clubs all come in for an explanatory word.

A glossary is included which explains among other things that while in the United Kingdom the word suspenders denotes garters, in Canada it means braces; that a draper's shop is called a dry goods store; that a geyser is a hot water heater; that petrol is known as gasoline.

Called "A Welcome to War Brides," this booklet will be distributed throughout the United Kingdom and will be available to every bride of a Canadian serviceman who contemplates making the trip out to her future home.

A tradition of long standing in pre-war, Holland was to present the first plover egg of the season to Queen Wilhelmina.

King Solomon's Mines

Uncover Traces Of An Ancient Civilization In Africa

A British scientist conducting an archaeological investigation in the foothill area in Rhodesia, South Africa, has uncovered traces of an ancient civilization in the Zimbabwe district. They are formations and terraces used by an ancient people for agricultural purposes.

As so well built were irrigation channels to the terraces that not an inch of rainfall would be lost in several miles of territory.

There were ancient dwellings of many civilizations, relics of the Stone and Bronze Ages, and Chinese writings. Copper mines and gold diggings, probably used 2,000 years ago, were also uncovered by Mr. Rossiter.

British and South African engineers who have examined the sites of these lost peoples who may have furnished gold for Solomon were amazed of the ingenuity of the ancient builders.

And into this long-forgotten industrial picture, factory sites and the modern dwellings of a new commonwealth development may be fitted when peace is won.

King Solomon's mines are reputed to have been sited in the fabulous country of Phihir, which some historians say was in East Africa. Professor R. A. S. MacAlister, the famous explorer, said "The centre of speculation is a group of extensive ruins at Zimbabwe, Mashonaland, the identical ruins referred to in the Rossiter report."

Canada's Food Output

Production Next Year Will Be Ample For All Needs

There will be plenty of food in Canada in 1945 to satisfy Canadian appetites, which are bigger than ever before. This is the belief of A. M. Shaw, chairman of the agricultural supplies board, which has directed Canada's food output since the beginning of this war.

Besides being able to fill the stomachs of Canadian civilians and those in the armed forces and meet its overseas contracts, Mr. Shaw is confident Canadian agriculture can help UNRRA feed the liberated peoples of Europe if such help is required. The Dominion has already supplied a large amount of wheat to UNRRA.

The latest survey by an Allied combined food board committee reveals that Canadians in 1944 ate 10 per cent more than they did in pre-war years and four per cent more than in 1943. But despite growing appetites, Mr. Shaw believes there will be as much food, and probably more, in Canada's national pantry in March, 1945, when it hits its annual low point, as there was at the same time this year.

Eating habits developed by Canadians during the war, especially by those in the services, may affect Canada's agriculture favorably in peace in Mr. Shaw's opinion.

HONORABLY ACQUITTED

A man was being tried for misappropriating a pig, and a conscientious witness to whom the accused was said to have confided, was being examined.

"Can you repeat the exact words in which the prisoner confessed to taking the pig?" asked the counsel. "He said, sir, he took the pig."

The judge tried to simplify the question. "Did the prisoner say, 'He took the pig,' or 'I took the pig?'" "Oh, your honor, he said he took it. Your honor's name wasn't even mentioned."

A Spot Of Tea In Holland



Using an old steel helmet for a tea kettle, this trio of Canadian soldiers in Holland, brew themselves a spot of tea just back of the front line. They are left to right: Pte. Roy Saunders, Nanaimo, B.C.; Pte. Don Angus, Penitence, B.C., and Pte. Harold Bailey, Grand Forks, B.C.

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Has New Title

Queen Elizabeth Has Been Made A Bencher Of The Inn

Queen Elizabeth recently, added a new title to those she already holds. She was made a Bencher of the Inn. In a 10-minute traditional ceremony, the Queen enrolled as a student in the Middle Temple (law courts), was called to the bar, and was called to the bench. It takes an exceptional law student years to follow the same procedure.

The Queen became the first woman bencher of the Middle Temple. Queen Mary is a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, King George of the Inner Temple, the Duke of Windsor of the Middle Temple, and the Duke of Gloucester of Gray's Inn.

The traditional dinner which follows the Queen's call to the bench was omitted because of bomb damage to the law courts.

SMILE AWHILE

Foreman: "Don't you see that sign, Mr. hands wanted?"

Applicant: "I do, but I promised my wife I'd really ask for a job today, and that's why I applied."

Husband: "What extravagance, you have two hats to match that one dress."

Wife: "Oh, no, I haven't. I've only one dress to match the two hats."

Tim: "What was the cause of the collision at that corner today?" Jim: "Two motorists after the same pedestrian."

Simmons—Do you know a fellow down your way with one leg named Wilson?

Dubbins (doubtfully)—Well, now, I'm not sure. What's the name of his other leg?

An interne went to a public library and asked for a copy of Dante's Inferno. When the book was presented he looked at it dubiously and asked: "Is he the best authority on the subject?"

Teacher—What did the Prince do to wake the Sleeping Beauty?

Mary—I don't know.

Teacher—Now what does mother give you when you wake in the morning?

Mary—A spoonful of cod-liver oil.

Holiday-maker (to country bus-conductor)—What time is your bus due at Fallow Green?

Conductor—Hi! Bill, what time did your missus tell you to 'ome for tea?

"Which would you prefer in your future husband—wealth, ability or appearance?" asked the pretty girl.

"Appearance, my dear," replied the spinster, "but he's got to appear pretty soon."

Mistress—This food tastes terrible. Did you salt it?

New Cook—Yes'm, but I never used that brand before. It was called Epsom salts.

Addressing a political gathering, a speaker gave his hearers a touch of the pathetic. "I miss," he said, brushing away a not unmanly tear, "I miss many of the old faces I used to shake hands with."

"I love your daughter, sir. I would suffer to my dying day if I should ever cause her a moment's pain."

"You're right, young man, you would. I know that girl."

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Alec noticed her when he first sat down. The girl's seat was next to his. Her eyes met his briefly—wide, timid, heavenly blue. Her hands were gripped in her lap. Alec thought, "I wonder if she's here alone."

Then a roar went up. The race was on. Alec's attention switched to the track. Excitement burned his body, choked his breath till it caught in a sigh, exploded in a cheer, exhaled in a final disgusted groan. Galahad first. Quaker Lady fourth.

Whew! Alec mopped his face. Close call. He hadn't placed his bet. A hunch perhaps. He had been late. He had thought, "Tomorrow," and hurried to his seat. That was a stroke of luck!

He felt a tug at his side and looked down to find the girl twisting at her bracelet which was caught on his coat. She pulled desperately. Her face was scarlet. "Allow me," Alec grinned. "Would you like the coat? Or do I get the bracelet?"

"I'm sorry." The girl gave a final jerk and the bracelet came loose, tearing the coat. She lifted mortified eyes to Alec's.

His glance reassured her. "What's a coat more or less? I nearly blew the works on Quaker Lady."

"I did!"

"You—? Say," Alec looked at the wide eyes, the parted lips, the white throat where a little pulse beat faintly, "are you alone?"

"Yes. Why?"

"This is no place for you. Rough-neck, pickpockets—pickpockets!" In a flash Alec's mind went back an hour. He had taken a shower at the Woodlawn Club after a bout of tennis with Ted Graham. Alec had put on his coat and dropped his bill-fold carelessly into the side pocket. Ted said, "Why don't you give that to charity? Better than having it lifted."

Alec had grunted and started to transfer his money to a safer place. Andy Noyes had come up. They had talked a minute. Alec had run for the bus. The fare was in his change purse. He remembered the wallet now. He hated to reach into his pocket, the pocket where the girl's bracelet had caught. He did reach, slowly. The bill-fold was gone.

Alec sat in stunned silence, his eyes on the track. He knew what he must do and he hated to do it. He could see with looking at them a pair of red lips, and a white throat where a little pulse beat faintly. His mouth was dry. He turned abruptly. Blue eyes lifted to his, questioning, puzzled. Fine art! Alec smiled crookedly. He said, "It's hot. Want a cool drink?"

"I'd love it."

They left the stand and walked to a tonic booth. Alec asked, "Will you tell me your name?"

"Of course. Alice Crocker."

Phony probably. "I'm Alec Newcomb." Sap! He glanced at the large white handbag the girl carried. "I wonder why you're here alone? Not that it's any of my business."

"It's fascinating."

"This is a good place to lose hard-earned money."

"I know it. I'm a stenographer at Smith and Bolles. Dan would kill me if he knew I came here."

"Dan?"

"Dan's my brother. None of my crowd cares for the races."

Alec's brows knit in sardonic amusement. What a line! He said, "I've been in Smith and Bolles a number of times. I never noticed you."

"I'm in Mr. Bolles' private office."

Alec took a long pull at his cold soda. He started to speak when the girl murmured, "Here's Dan now." She lifted her head defiantly. "Hello, Dan."

"Alice introduced the two men. Her eyes held Dan's. Alec tried to read their expression. Suddenly a man on Alec's other side grabbed his arm."

"Hey, Alec, give me a hand, will you? Anna is passing cut with the heat." It was Rod Lewis, a friend. He looked worried and upset. His wife was leaning heavily against him.

"We must catch this bus," Dan said to Alec. "Excuse us, won't you?" He nodded to the others, caught Alec by the arm, and whisked her about.

"Wait!" Alec started after them. They didn't hear.

Rod and Alec got Anna to the car. Alec's face was grim. His eyes were on the road, and on a yellow bus disappearing in the distance.

Rod offered him a lift home. "Anna will be all right as soon as we get moving."

"All right." Fool. Nitwit! Sucker! Rod dropped Alec at his apartment. Alec ran up the steps of the building. In the lower hall on a bench sat Ted. He looked sheepish. "I've been waiting for you." He tossed Alec his wallet. "Missed this?"

Alec stared. Incredibly, suspicious, rage darkened his eyes.

Ted smiled wryly. "Goon. Hit me. I took it to teach you a lesson. The idea went sour when I thought it over. What's the matter? Heat got you, or were you worried?"

"Oh, no! Money is nothing in my life!" Alec dropped on the bench beside Ted. His eyes narrowed thoughtfully. "You sell to Smith and Bolles. Know a girl there named Alice Crocker?"

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Face Great Odds

Canadian Fighter Pilots Now Operating Further Into Germany

Canadian fighter pilots now on their second tour of operations are facing greater odds than ever before, they believe, since fighter casualties have been higher during the last few months than at any time since the battle of Britain.

"The risk will become greater as we get on into Germany," said Sqdn. Ldr. Arthur Sager of Vincov, commanding officer of a Spitfire squadron in Belgium.

"Spitfires were not intended to stand up against the flak and the guns we have to face now," he said. At the same time the average age of fighter pilots in the R.C.A.F. squadrons appears to be rising. When a couple of years ago the average age was 21 to 22 years, the men now appear to be around 25 years.

Although air training shortly will cease in Canada, fighter pilots who already have made an important contribution to the air war have returned to do second tours, and this is responsible for the rising average age.

In this squadron, those on their second tour included Sqdn. Ldr. Sager, P.O. Albert Thomas of Winnipeg, P.O. W. J. Sherman of Simpson, Sask., P.O. Lt. Chuck Charlesworth of Duncan, B.C., and P.O. Lt. Phil Blades of Victoria.

Each man was doing a second tour because he had chosen to do so, but their eyes were tired and they looked older than their years.

If a man's honest he'll admit he's tired when he gets around the end of his second tour," the C.O. said. "Sitting around thinking about flying, waiting to go up, is almost as much of a strain as flying itself," Charlesworth said.

Interesting Experience

Newspaper Correspondent Dodges Nazis For Two Months

Any time newspaperman Paul Morton turns his hand to fiction and goes in for spy stories, he won't have to use his imagination. He can draw on his own experience as a British agent 200 miles behind the German lines.

Two months of ducking Nazis in northern Italy—battling them when necessary—and finally escaping through their lines gave him enough material to fill a couple of best-sellers, and gave the Nazis a headache or two to boot.

Sporting the wings of a British army paratrooper on the tunic of his war correspondent's uniform, the Canadian newspaperman has returned to the Dominion to represent the London Express in Canada. Before going overseas he had worked for the Halifax Herald and the Toronto Star, and he went into Italy as correspondent of the Star.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Near the little cottage where Cal. John McCrae, writer of "In Flanders Fields," was born, a memorial garden to the poet will be established, a dispatch from Guelph says. Nothing could be more appropriate than a memorial garden to the man who immortalized the poppy, particularly those blooming "between the crosses row on row" in Flanders Fields, states the Lethbridge Herald.

The 2000th C.W.A.C.



"The 2000th C.W.A.C." to enlist in Saskatchewan was Pte. Ruth Eva Gohrke, left, shown with her sister, Pte. Christine Elsie Gohrke, who was the 2001st recruit. The sisters, who come from Mazenod, are shown as they were being sworn into the Canadian Women's Army Corps at Regina. They are in uniforms they wore as civilian employees at No. 25 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia.

Scientific Studies

Being Carried On To Forecast Fur And Game Supplies

The day is coming when scientific studies and radio will make the snowy owl relatively unimportant as an indicator of fur conditions in the Far North—but it's still a long way off.

Resources department officials said the assembling of information on the animal life cycles of the north is continuing under a plan of co-operation between the government and the Oxford University bureau of animal population.

The detailed examinations conducted by scientists seek to establish a method of forecasting accurately the cycles in animal life so that natives and others dependent on game and fur for their livelihood can be forewarned of seasons of scarcity and plenty.

"We believe that in years to come, with records of plenty and scarcity in the north extending over decades and recording various factors in detail, it will be possible to be as accurate in forecasting game and fur supplies as it now is possible in forecasting the weather," one authority said.

Some cycles have been roughly established. The white fox cycle from plenty through scarcity to plenty is about four years; snowshoe rabbit, about 10; lemming, about four; snowy owl, about four; grouse, about 10; ptarmigan, about four. The studies have indicated that cycles may affect even the larger animals such as polar bears.

Scientists already know the relationship between the cycles affecting the fox, lemming and snowy owl, all on a basis of about four years. When the lemming is scarce, the fox and the owl either perish or migrate. Reports of these conditions might not reach the outside for many months, but the owl carries the news quickly by hurrying south as soon as he finds food hard to obtain.

Organizations such as the snowy owl committee for Canada begins reporting unusual numbers in southern areas and this means a scarcity of small animals in the north. That scarcity means the foxes hungry and they trap easily and therefore the years of a snowy owl flight south usually is one in which the fur catch is high.

Eventually the government may establish research stations in the north where studies of animal life will be conducted and indications of shortages reported at once by radio.

PLASTIC CONSTRUCTION

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Volcanic Island

Republic Of San Salvador Has A Unique History

This week marked the third anniversary of the entrance into the war of our smallest but one of our promptest allies.

Could you identify it if you knew that:

It is about the size of Maryland, but has the densest population of any American republic, 146 persons to the square mile, against 41 in the United States?

It is America's most volcanic country, with four major volcanoes in constant or recent eruption, three of them so strange in their behavior as to rank among volcanologists as scientific phenomena?

One of its volcanoes, Izcalco, has no crater?

One of its volcanoes, which erupted in 1917, boiled away an entire lake in the process, first signs of the eruption being a dull glow under the water?

The third of its phenomenal volcanoes is the only one known to have been born in a lake, all the fish in which were killed by gases before the eruption?

It is the Republic of El Salvador.—Minneapolis Star Journal.

Women's Army

Recently In Saskatchewan Has Reached High Peak

A red letter day in the Canadian Women's Army Corps occurred when the 2000th recruit was enlisted since the organization of the Corps in Saskatchewan some three years ago was attested at the Army Reception Centre in Regina. The girl with the 1,999 predecessors was Pte. Ruth E. Gohrke.

Her sister, Pte. Christine E. Gohrke, became Miss Two Thousand and One. The girls are from Mazenod, Sask.

The Canadian Women's Army Corps in Saskatchewan embarked on its military career in October, 1941 with Major Helen K. Rankin, Moose Jaw, in command. Its first regimental number was allotted to a young woman from Richmond, Sask., now known as Capt. Helen Andreas, District Quartermaster for the Canadian Women's Army Corps. Enlisting its 2000th recruit, the C.W.A.C. in Saskatchewan looked back on over three years of service, its sphere of action during that time developing from provincial to Dominion to world-wide.

To the members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps directly concerned with recruiting this is an outstanding proud occasion. In the words of Capt. P. A. M. Quinn, Moose Jaw, District Recruiting Officer for the C.W.A.C., "In three years of continuous effort, we are proud of our results. In every phase of the war effort, Saskatchewan women have played an outstanding and distinctive role. This new recruiting record emphasizes further the determination of Saskatchewan women to serve their country at the time of its greatest crisis."

Capt. Quinn does however strike a note of caution. "Because we have reached a proud peak in our recruiting efforts," she says, "does not mean that we can rest on our laurels. Thousands of women are still required for service with the Canadian Army, particularly those qualified in the commercial field. Nevertheless whatever her former occupation, a volunteer will be placed in the job where she can best assist in the great partnership and responsibility that the C.W.A.C. have already proven they can undertake."

The Private Gohrke are not entirely new to uniform having worn the uniform of civilian employees at No. 25 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia, Sask., for almost a year. Immediately prior to their enlistment in the Canadian Women's Army Corps they were employed in the diet kitchen at Fort San. Anxious to don a uniform again however they decided to join the C.W.A.C. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Gohrke, reside at Mazenod.

The word "sheriff" comes from an old English title "shire-reve," meaning custodian of the peace of the country.

European Boy Scouts

Dutch Boys Helping Allied Soldiers In Holland

giving invaluable assistance to the European Boy Scouts have been liberating armies of Europe.

One of the latest stories reaching Canada concerns the way in which Dutch Boy Scouts are helping the Allied soldiers in Holland. They have worked at resettling the cobblestone approaches to bridges so that Allied motor transport could proceed more swiftly.

After nightfall these scouts have acted as guides to soldiers whose duties take them to the surrounding country. Many of the lads speak fluent English and have often acted as interpreters to Canadian, British and American officers who have had difficulty in making their requests or orders understood by the Dutch population.

SELECTED RECIPES

APPLE MERINGUE PIE

Pie paste
2 large apples, sliced
2 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup milk
2 egg whites
2 tablespoons sugar

Line a 9-inch pie plate with the paste. Peel, core and slice apples and place in the pie shell. Beat egg yolks, add sugar and milk. Pour this mixture over apples. Bake in hot oven, 425 degrees F., for 10 minutes, then reduce temperature to 325 degrees F. and bake 30 minutes longer. Top with meringue made from the two egg whites and the two tablespoons of sugar. Return to moderate oven, 325 degrees F., to brown meringue. Yield: One 9-inch pie.

SAVORY DRIED BEANS

1 lb dried navy beans, 2 cups
5 teaspoons salt
1 cup onions, sliced
2 tablespoons fat or salad oil
1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 tablespoon molasses
Dash of pepper
2 1/2 cups canned tomatoes
1 cup grated cheese

Pick over, wash and soak dried beans overnight in cold water to cover. Drain, cover with boiling water and simmer with 3 teaspoons of the salt, covered, until tender, about 2 hours. Drain. Sauté the onions in the fat until tender; blend in the flour. Add mustard, molasses, pepper and tomatoes and simmer uncovered for 5 minutes. Add the beans, the remaining 2 teaspoons salt and the cheese and cook five minutes longer. Stir servings.

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Make a home wherever you are. Don't just make yourself at home there.

Give out to those around you and you won't give in to the blues

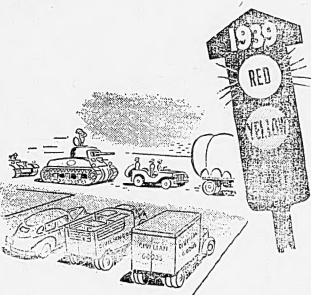
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Your letters can either boost or bust Canada's front

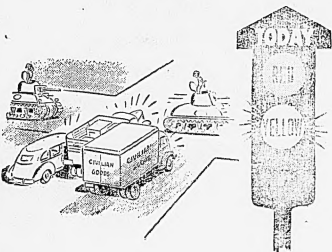
Distance doesn't divide people half so much as demanding more than your own share

DON'T CONFUSE THE SIGNALS



War came. The manufacture of most civilian goods had to be cut down or stopped to make way for war production. That caused shortages of civilian goods—that was the **RED LIGHT**

don't jump the **YELLOW** light



Some restrictions are now being lifted, but it does not mean lots of goods right away. War's demands are still huge and must come first. We can't neglect them just so that some of us here at home can get a little more.

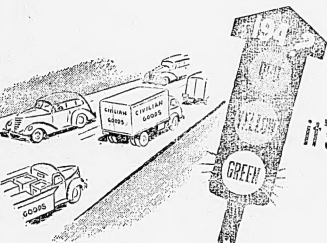
Don't confuse the signals—(This is the **YELLOW LIGHT ONLY**).

It means a little more of some things and it helps business men get ready for the time when there will be more materials and workers available.

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